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Meet Me in Auburn Academy

by McKenna Butler



Meet Me in St. Louis cast sings the closing song

From flawlessly delivered lines to delayed blackouts, the Saturday night musicals at Auburn have annually entertained family and friends.

This year's musical was *Meet Me in St. Louis* starring Lauren Richert as the lead character, Esther Smith, who pines after the "boy next door," played by Shannon Miller. The Smith family awaits the World's Fair in St. Louis amidst many shenanigans. Esther's parents Alonso (Arien Cabanilla) and Anna (Stephanie Case), and her siblings Lon (Matthew Gorton), Rose (Victoria Fedak), Agnes (Rachel Singer), and Tootie (Katriona Wallenfels) are, "a regular kind of family," said Heidi Kissinger, the student director. Despite fights and deception, "in the end they love each other anyway."

The large amount of work and time put into the musical is vital for its success. The rigorous practices during the weeks leading up to the perfor-

mance help refine the personalities of the characters in the play. Abe Ellis, who played Clinton Badger, said, "It took all of three seconds..." for Nate Nesseth to get in character, as he was portraying a character with a personality similar to his own.

"[It's] only work if you aren't playing the right person," said Abe Ellis. "If you choose the right character you're basically playing (*continued on page 2*)



Grandpa and Katie fight over chocolate cake
(PC: G. Bahnsen)

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Wednesday Wisdom

"Great leadership isn't just professional, it's personal."

Head Dean, Carmen Slavens

The ASB Squib

by McKenna Butler

All-Year Point Standings

1. Seniors
2. Juniors
3. Sophomores
4. Freshmen

Winter Wishes

This Christmas season, ASB is introducing a new school-wide activity called Winter Wishes. As many students have already done, the first step is to fill out a wish survey, writing one wish for yourself, and two for others. Once the ASB officers compile everyone's wishes onto a single document, we'll post the wishes anonymously on a bulletin board. Each wish will have a corresponding number. In order for everyone to get what they wished for, is it up to the student body to pick wish cards from the board and fulfill those wishes. ASB is excited to see how this activity turns out!

([Musical Title], continued from pg. 1) yourself and it's fun." The Saturday night viewing had a great turnout, with people coming not just from the Auburn community, but from a long ways away.

This year the musical performed a Sunday matinee as well. The turnout was not as large as it had been on Saturday night. Meet Me in St. Louis was casted and acted out wonderfully, summed up by graduate DJ Roberts who said, "The play made me want to visit St. Louis."



Rachel Singer, Katriona Wallenfelsz, and Lauren Richer sing as the Smith sisters (PC: G. Bahnson)

Student Faculty Council Returns to the Auburn Academic Arena

by Maria Hall and Madlyn Ellis

Student Faculty Council is an on-campus committee where students and staff can discuss problems in an open environment. It is made up of class presidents, SFC representatives, the ASB president and vice presidents, as well as two ASB sponsors, the principal and vice-principal, and both head deans. The council should meet monthly to discuss and vote on recommending changes that it sees fit. Rainier Echoes recently brought SFC and the fact that it had not been meeting regularly for the past two years to the attention of Mr. Fackenthall and Mrs. Kobberstad.

When asked what she values the most about SFC, ASB president McKenna Butler said, "The opportunity to express concerns from the students' points of view." By digging around some of the changes that have been made by SFC over the years were

discovered.

In the late '90s, students wanted fresh pineapple at the cafeteria every day and for every meal. SFC discussed it and voted for it. They presented the idea to the cafeteria staff and it was accepted. While this was a very simple request, SFC is the reason it became a reality.

A more controversial change that SFC brought about was getting rid of the 2-4 rule. The 2-4 rule stated that, in the cafeteria, there had to always be two girls and four boys or two boys and four girls at a table. SFC voted to get rid of the 2-4 rule, and it was accepted. This rule being overturned came as a surprise to many people at the time.

SFC has made a difference in the past and is now able to make a difference again.



Student Faculty Council meeting to discuss the cell phone rule and ASB Constitution

Plans for Faster Wifi

by Jed Coon

Auburn's internet is slow and unreliable, something every student at Auburn knows. However, most students don't know that the Ad Building has only had wifi since 2015. The IT department set up a makeshift network for the student body, but this network can no longer handle the current amount of internet traffic. This increase in traffic has been causing the slowness and unreliability that everyone is sick and tired of.

This year Auburn has established a plan to bring the school's technology into the modern world. The plan is long-term, however the students have been assured that they will see a difference in the near future. Mr. Williams has been behind the plan to modernize Auburn's technology, and already has several years of plans ready to put in motion. These plans include, rewiring the entire Ad Building with new and organized Ethernet cables, an all-new server room, and more broadband from Comcast (which will result in a faster connection).



Another plan in the works is to have a new wireless access point in each room. These should be able to handle 200 people at once, which would be a big improvement considering the traditional ones which are currently spread throughout the school can only handle around 50 people per station. This should finally give every student and teacher a reliable and fast connection to the internet, and should also make the computer labs much more useable. The labs will also be improved so that the students can type and print without the computer crashing or breaking.

A Record Setting Season of Fall Sports

by Carson Fletcher

Auburn's sports this fall were very successful, especially girls' volleyball. The Lady Falcons qualified to play in the first volleyball playoff game in Auburn's history with an amazing comeback against Crosspoint.

Crosspoint, the third best team in the league, jumped ahead early two sets to none. Auburn battled back and took the next three sets, winning the game 3-2.

Auburn lost to Darrington in the opening playoff game. They finished the season with a record of five wins to nine losses.

Auburn's cross country team also made Auburn history as senior Mickey Demma became the first Falcon to place first in a cross country meet.

The men's soccer team ended their year with a win, 3-2 versus the Evergreen Hawks. Despite this win, they missed the playoffs and ended the season with a record of five wins to seven losses.

This was also the first year of Auburn's girl's soccer team. They had a strong first season, ending with a record of three wins to three losses.

Auburn's fall sports had a successful season, now that they are over the athletics program will continue on to basketball.



Auburn Lady Falcons Volleyball



Auburn Falcons Cross Country

AAA THROWBACK FACTS

-The music building does not have an official name

-In 1925-26, school started on September 18 and ended on May 18

-In 1927-28, students were not allowed to bring to school the following: novels or story magazines because "they disease the imagination and weaken the mind" and ragtime music or sentimental songs because "they cheapen the most sacred thing in the world".

Phones in the Auburn Academic Arena

editorial by Andrew Armstrong

Auburn's phone policy was changed recently in response to an increase in students using their phones wrongfully. Mr. Fackenthall and some faculty members felt that the school needed a stricter policy, as a result we have the current phone policy. These rules are Auburn's working policy, however they are open to revision moving forward.

The new rules are a "starting point" according to Mr. Fackenthall, and he is, "looking forward to running (the phone policy) through the staff and Student Faculty Council." If change is going to come, it seems as though SFC meetings are the avenue it will come through.

An SFC meeting would have also been an ideal place for the staff to talk through the phone rule change before it was announced. Mr. Fackenthall said, "I feel I acted too quickly," in reference to the phone policy, and this could have been avoided by bringing it through SFC.

The main reason it wasn't brought through SFC is that Mr. Fackenthall didn't even know about SFC. Rainier Echoes considered running an editorial on the phone policy and SFC last month, however it wasn't up to our publishing standards. It still served a purpose, however, through alerting Mr. Fackenthall of SFC which lead to its revival. **(continued on page 4)**

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SFC will hopefully be used extensively moving forward, and I hope that we, as students, can convince the staff to loosen the phone rules. For this to happen, students need come to SFC meetings and talk to the staff, which I encourage everyone to do. At the least you will have a better understanding of why the staff made rule changes, and at the best rules at Auburn could be loosened and student life at Auburn could be improved.



Fly Me to Browns Point

by Arien Cabanilla

"I love you, Lily."

These were the words of sophomore Nate Nesseth to his girlfriend before he helped serenade those at Casa Loma's "Fly Me to the Moon" banquet, held a few weekends ago on November 5.

This year's venue was Browns Point Lighthouse Park. There, students were treated to a view of the bay, either up on the balcony or down by the water. Inside where the banquet was held were lovely decorations and Frank Sinatra cookies, as well as a fireplace that made for a nice background for photos.

The biggest highlight was the music. Singer Chris Anderson was originally slated to perform at the banquet, but unfortunately fell ill at the last minute. In his stead was Joey Jewell, another singer Anderson had recom-

mended. Not only did Jewell perform a multitude of Sinatra-era songs, but he also invited up some of the students, such as Nate Nesseth, to sing along with him. Among Jewell's selection were classics such as "My Way," "L-O-V-E," "Under My Skin," and "Fly Me to the Moon."

The students seemed to have had a good time at the fall banquet. In the words of junior Benjamin Hoffmann, "The banquet was well organized, the view was serene, music was a delight, and the atmosphere was a joy." Freshman Sydney Woody said, "It was really fun. I really liked the music and decorations. Overall it was great."

Time flies when you are having fun, and at the fall banquet, fun flew as high as the moon.



Kontessa Kletke pins a boutonniere and a smile on Spencer DeCamp



Banquet couples looking on point for Browns Point

Dorm Retreat

by Lindsey Reed

Dorm retreat, is an opportunity to be spiritually revived and inspired, a time to have fun and form friendships. Last month, the student body was given a weekend filled with such things, as well as the opportunity to listen to an inspiring speaker. Dorm retreat was the weekend of the 21st, and was open to both dorm and village students.



Three senior girls enjoy refreshments at the dorm retreat

The guys listened to David Leone's testimony, and the girls got to listen to Becki Rogers'. Both speakers told their life stories in such a way that showed God from a different perspective. Sophia Lorge responded to this by saying, "My eyes were opened up to how I could bring Jesus into my life no matter where I'm at in my spiritual walk." And Xander Wirtz described the weekend talk as being "spiritually inspiring," and said that "David Leone's testimony disproved the notion that being a Christian is in any way boring."

Auburn Adventist Academy held its first dorm retreat in the year 2000. This annual event was inspired by Mr. Klingstrand, the Boy's Head Dean. Ever since **(continued on page 4)**

(Dorm Retreat, continued from pg. 3) then, AAA has organized two such retreats, one for the boys, and another for the girls, and ideas for next years retreat are already being brainstormed, in order to make it better than ever.

Alternate Identities

by Bradley Hammond

Have you ever wondered what career your teacher might have had if they didn't decide to become a teacher? The Rainier Echoes staff did, and decided to interview a few teachers about it. Three of the teachers interviewed had alternate career paths they might have taken had they decided not to become a teacher.

The first teacher interviewed, Mr. Underhill, said he would have gotten a B.S. degree and become a conservationist. As a conservationist he would have worked to save wildlife, protect the environment, and lower humanity's impact on the world as a whole. Mr. Underhill would have made a difference in our world whether or not he had decided to become a teacher.

Mr. Rodman, the second teacher interviewed, said, "I would have been a nurse if I wasn't a teacher." This makes sense, as nursing is very similar to teaching in that you're helping people very personally.

Some of the other teachers said that they have always wanted to be a teacher, which speaks to the uniqueness and dedication of our teachers here at Auburn. One of those teachers, Mr. Cook, said, "I've always wanted to go into teaching and haven't thought about any other careers." Mrs. Grattias is another one of the teachers who has always wanted to be a teacher.



What being a CEO could have been like

Mr. Fackenthall, the final staff member interviewed, also had an interesting response. He would have gone into the military straight out of

high school in order to get a sense of direction and purpose in his life. After the military he would have gotten a Master of Business degree and gone on to become an executive in a company, eventually becoming a CEO. This also makes sense, because as principal of Auburn he is essentially Auburn's CEO.

Auburn's teachers could have had completely different lives and careers had they decided not to become teachers, however Auburn is lucky they did decide to pursue teaching.

Guest Writers Wanted!



Rainier Echoes is a student-lead newspaper, so anyone interested in writing can submit an article, announcement, story, or activity to the newspaper. Simply drop off a copy of your submission to Mrs. Kobbers-tad for review, and you can add your touch to the newspaper.

AAA THROWBACK FACTS

-In 1927-28, tuition for a year of school cost \$78.75. (This did not include dorming, meal, extra classes or other miscellaneous costs.)

-A gymnastics class was added to the PE curriculum in 1968. The team performed at the talent show and went on a tour around Washington.

-The largest graduating class was the Class of 1968 with 141 students.

-Kay Sanborn, Auburn's longest serving girls' dean, was head dean for 21 years.

-In 1969 Auburn had 560 students, making it the largest SDA boarding high school in North America.

-Banquets used to be held in the cafeteria.

-The woods class in 1964-65 decided to build 5 houses for faculty members as a class project.

-In 2003, the girls dorm burned down. The new girls dorm, Grace Hall, is not named after a person. It received its name "so we never forget God's amazing grace shown to Auburn in the events surrounding the fire."

-In 1938, a furniture factory opened on campus and provided work for 80 students. There, students made dressers, tables, chairs, and other furniture. It burned down in 1942, was rebuilt, and then burned again in 1951.

-In 1967, a company called Harris Pine took over the factory and continued providing work for students so they could pay off their school bill. It closed in 1986.

AAA Fall Festival

by Mickey Demma

After a busy weekend of student participation, Auburn Adventist Academy's annual Fall Festival on Saturday evening turned out to be the right amount of entertainment students and their families could enjoy. During this three-hour event, the school's classes, departments, and clubs offered a wonderful assortment of games and food items for attendees. People flowed through the lines to exchange their dollars for little red tickets, the currency of the night. This year's overall atmosphere had a different feel to it, the usual wooden booths were removed and organizers opted for a simple table setup for each separate attraction. Nonetheless, creative decorations and a welcoming attitude of service made each booth appealing.

One of the night's highlights was when Mr. Peter Fackenthall took a turn in the dunk tank. A booth where people pay tickets to throw balls at a target that would activate a bucket to dump water on whoever was in a special enclosed area. When the Principal's time came, he was paraded from one side of the gym to the other while Darth Vader's theme song was blasted from the loudspeakers. Another engaging activity that proved popular was the inflatable structure ordered by Auburn's Associated Student Body, who was behind the whole event. "Kissing" clowns could be paid to kiss any attending individual, leaving a prominent stain of lipstick behind. Every type of food imaginable was present, from burgers, to crepes, to fried rice, to cotton candy. There are no doubts that everyone left the building filled with satisfaction (and food), looking forward to next year's!



Attendees enjoy various attractions

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GAMES

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| 1. Which dean studied in the 3 different countries? | A. Dean Rachel |
| 2. Which dean is a quarter Native American? | B. Dean Slavens |
| 3. Which dean cannot hear out of her right ear? | C. Dean Michel |
| 4. Which dean loves christmas more than anything? | D. Dean Wirtz |
| 5. Which dean has two older brothers? | E. Dean McConnachie |
| 6. Which dean has lived on an island? | F. Dean Klingstrand |
| 7. Which dean has a cat named after another school? | |
| 8. Which dean went to school with Deans Rachel and Michel? | |
| 9. Which dean only wears a specific brand of European shoes? | |

Phil on Isle 3

story by Arien Cabanilla



Chapter 2

Phil decided to sleep for a month. Not actually a month, but when you've been putting off sleep trying to balance working to make ends meet and taking evening classes. At this point anything close to a nap feels like forever. The exhausted young adult didn't care about the rustling sound, only that he'd rather deal with it in the morning.

Phil woke up with vigor, or at least with as much vigor as one can get from sleeping against a tree. He made his way to a nearby pool of water fed by a waterfall, knelt down, and took a look at himself. Annoying bangs of dark brown hair that get in the way of his eyes? Check. Cuts on his cheek from another attempt at shaving? Check. Light blue jacket covered in saltwater and dirt? Check. Pale white pig that snuck up on him without him knowing? Oink.

Phil fell on his back in surprise. The little pig waddled toward one of

the pockets in Phil's jacket. It nosed around until it brought out a partially opened packet of store-bought cashews. Phil sighed, he didn't even like cashews all that much. During the flight he had become hungry, so when the opportunity arose he bought some cashews.

The piglet stopped its snacking at the sound of shouts and hollers in the distance. Scurrying behind Phil, it trembled in fear, as though it recognized the voices. Phil could see a mass of what he could only guess, were natives of the island. Torches illuminated their painted faces and spears, all heading toward's Phil's alcove.

Phil weighed his options:

- 1) Ditch the pig.
- 2) Take the pig with him.
- 3) Try to communicate with the natives.

To find out what happens next, write down what option should be taken on a piece of paper ("Option 1", "Option 2", or "Option 3") and drop it off at Mrs. Kobberstad's room.



Familiar Face Takes on a New Position

by Derek Slavens

Looking for a great season this year, Auburn's Men's Basketball team has made a significant change in this year's lineup... of coaches. Mr. Angel Ogando, the pastor of the Auburn Academy Church, is stepping in this year to take over as head coach. Mr. Ogando can be found in the church working, out exploring Washington with his family, in the gym or just spending time with friends. Previously, Mr. Ogando has served as the assistant coach under Coach Logan Adams. However, looking to create a special year for the team, Adams has handed the reins over to Ogando. Senior basketball player, Carson Fletcher had this to say about the new coach, "I'm excited to see what new ideas and coaching strategies can bring to this program. Coach Angel is

very passionate and invested in his vision for the success of this years men's basketball team." Coach Angel has been collaborating for a long time with fellow coaches in preparations for the season. When asked how he is feeling towards this year, Coach Angel replied, "This is a year we will never forget! We are all excited to see what this year brings for our basketball program! Go Falcons!

- **Favorite Food:** Farina
- **Favorite Color:** Blue
- **Favorite Animal:** Tiger
- **Favorite Sport:** Basketball
- **Favorite Hobby:** Exploring Washington with his family

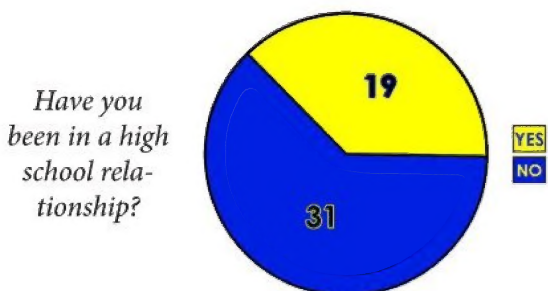
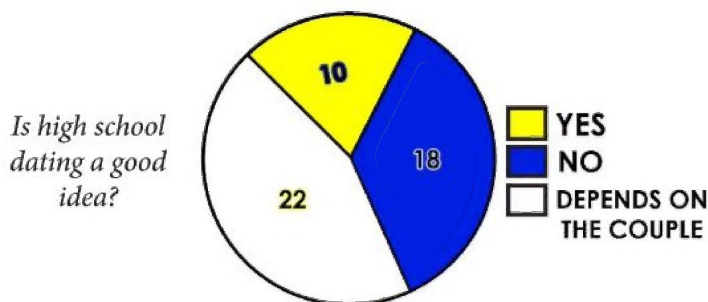


Coach Angel Ogando and his daughter Petra, showing excitement for the upcoming basketball season

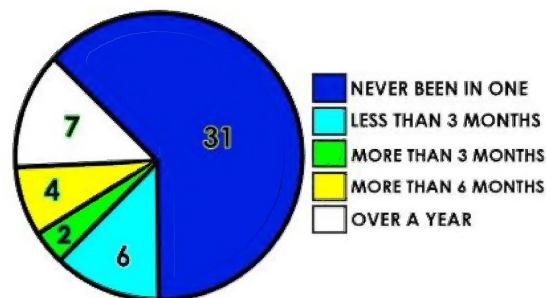
High School Dating

by Sophia Lorge

Over the years the concept of dating in high school has evolved greatly. For many high schoolers today, dating is important to their lives. Some teenagers see the benefits of dating in high school and others simply may not. To get an idea of the opinions of students here at Auburn Academy, 50 random students were polled.



How long was the relationship?



Answer Key:
1. C - 2. C - 3. A - 4. A - 5. B - 6. B - 7. F - 8. D and E - 9. E